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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Herbert E. Hetu
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SUBJECT: Request from Joe Fromm, U.S. News
& World Report

1. Joe Fromm called yesterday afternoon to let me know that U.S. News & World Report is doing a major story on the activities of other foreign intelligence organizations (SAVAK, KCIA, etc.). The article will deal largely with their operations in the United States. One aspect to be covered is the alleged association between those organizations and CIA. Specifically, that we know about their operations in this country and have either formal or tacit agreements to permit those operations so that we can operate likewise in their countries on a reciprocal basis.

2. Attached are four questions from Joe which he would like you to answer. He assures me that should you not wish to answer any of the questions, he will not hang a "no comment" around your neck.

3. Fromm would really like to interview you on the subject early next week. I am not convinced that an interview would serve any useful purpose because he would want answers to very detailed questions. I think we could satisfy the situation by giving him one general statement similar to that which you gave Ben Bradlee at breakfast yesterday morning, e.g., "there are no existing agreements between the CIA and the foreign intelligence organizations of other countries concerning their operations in this country or our operations in their countries. Should the CIA somehow become aware of illegal activities undertaken by foreign intelligence agencies in this country, we would immediately notify the Justice Department, the FBI and other appropriate individuals or agencies of the U.S. Government."

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4. Please let me know what you decide and I will get the word back to Fromm.

Herbert E. Hetu

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QUESTIONS

1. What agreements or tacit understanding exists with foreign intelligence agencies that permit them to operate in this country?
2. Is the CIA aware of activities of any foreign intelligence agencies against their nationals in this country at the present time or in the past? If so, what are the details? Would the CIA inform the Justice Department so that appropriate legal action could be taken?
3. What action was taken by the CIA with respect to published reports concerning the activities of the South Korean, Iranian or other intelligence agencies against their nations in this country?
4. Was the CIA aware of the activities of the South Korean intelligence agency aimed at influencing Members of Congress? Was the CIA aware, through its own activities in South Korea, that the government there was sponsoring such operations in this country?

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